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FAST TRACK POLICY FOR PROCUREMENT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have introduced a fast track policy to procure military equipment and to bring transparency;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the main features of the fast track policy;

(c) whether the Government have decided to set up Eminent Persons Group (EPG) of 12 members;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the criteria adopted for selection of EPG members;

(f) whether the new approach has started showing results; and

(g) if so, the extent to which delay has been reduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Government have approved a fast track procedure for procurement of Defence equipment which, in the opinion of the Chief of the concerned Service, is required to meet urgent operational needs.

(c) to (e): An Eminent Persons Group has not been set up.However, all fast track cases are scrutinised by a committee before a contract/order is awarded.

(f) & (g): The fast track procedure has helped reduce the time taken for acquiring Defence equipment.